

**REMARKS**

This Rules 312 Amendment seeks to place this application in better condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims**

Five (5) claims (namely, claims 51, 55, 59, 78 and 112) have been amended to improve grammar, clarity and/or antecedent basis, and/or to more fully protect the Applicants' invention(s). None of the amendments were motivated by patentability considerations in view of the prior art. Moreover, no new matter has been added.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

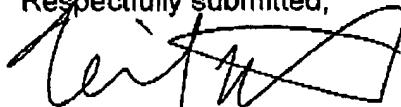
Attached hereto is a copy of Sheet 1 of 1 of the Form-1449 of the Information Disclosure Statement that was submitted on May 21, 2004 and received by the USPTO on May 24, 2004 (See attached Postcard Receipt). The references identified therein have already been considered by the Examiner in the parent application (i.e., Application Serial No. 10/677,563). Applicants, however, would prefer the references identified therein be listed on the front page of any printed patent.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment prior to issuance. It is noted that should a telephone interview expedite consideration of this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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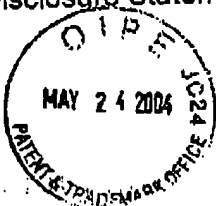
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE
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	6,693,708	2/2004	Hunter			
	6,707,545	3/2004	Hunter			
	6,721,045	4/2004	Hunter			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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